[English]

Bus Parking in Shanti Niketan

5088. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Shanti Niketan Residents' Association (Regd.) submitted a representation to the Delhi Traffic Police Authorities regarding parking of buses sometime back highlighting the considerable inconvenience caused to the residents especially that of Street No. 2 of the Colony, and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Traffic Police authorities in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The school authorities were contacted and pursuaded to ensure that buses take minimum time to pick up or drop children. They were also advised to park their buses inside the school premises. Private hired buses are not allowed to be parked in front of the houses. However, buses arrive a little earlier than the time the school opens/closes. The school authorities have been advised to reduce this time to bare minimum.

[Translation]

Liberation of Munsyari Region

5089. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to liberate the 'Munsyari' region of the Pithoragarh district in Uttar Pradesh from 'innerline' system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): According to information furnished by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the position is as under:—

(a) No, Sir. Munsyari region of district Phthoragarh in Uttar Pradesh is already out of 'Innerline'.

(b) Not applicable.

[English]

Purchase Scandal in Bihar

5090. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has sought arrest of the five IPS officers of Bihar in connection with the Rs. 70 lakh purchase scandal;

(b) if so, the number of IPS officers from Bihar involved in the said scandal;

(c) whether a number of IPS officers in almost all the States and Union Territories have been found indulging in various scams;

(d) if so, whether the reports from various State Governments and Union Territory Administrations regarding the involvement of IPS officers have been received; and

(e) if so, the action proposed to be taken against the officers found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement is enclosed.

(c) to (e) No report regarding involvement of any IPS officer in any scam has been received so far from any State/UT, except the purchase scandal in Bihar. Appropriate action is taken against the IPS officers found guilty in any scandal/irregularity, as per the prescribed procedure.

STATEMENT

(a) After filing the charge-sheet in the Court of Spl. Judge CBI, Patna in the cases concerning Rs. 70 lacs purchase scandal, the Court issued warrant of arrest against 5 IPS Officers of Bihar Cadre namely S/Shri R.C. Khan, R.H. Das, V.M. Diwakar, Anil Kumar and Ajit Dutta. Shri R.H. Das, was arrested and 3 other officers namely S/Sh. R.C. Khan, V.M. Diwakar, Anil Kumar surrendered in the Court. The fifth accused, Shri Ajit Dutta, has been directed by the High Court, Patna to surrender before the trial Court on the date "Required to do so by the Court".

(b) Amongst the serving IPS officers, so far, only the above officers have been found involved in these scandals.

[Translation]

Bhopal Gas Victims

5091. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by a Central team of medical experts on the Bhopal Gas Victims during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details of the diseases common in all the Gas victims;

(c) whether some of the diseases are incurable;

(d) the details of the assistance provided by the Union Government for the proper treatment of Bhopal Gas victims; and

(e) the total number of patients died due to non-availability of the proper medical care?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) To the extent the information is available, no survey has been conducted by central team of medical experts on the Bhopal gas victims during the last two years.

(d) Government of India has provided financial assistance to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh to the extent of Rs. 5777 lakhs for the treatment of Bhopal gas leak victims and for setting up of medical infra-structure at Bhopal for gas victims.

(e) According to the information furnished by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, no such case was reported.

[English]

Cogentrix Power Project

5092. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN:
SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI:
SHRI O. BHARATHAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cogentrix company gave deliberately false figures about the extent of flyash discharge etc. to get the environmental clearance for the power project in Mangalore;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to cross check the figures, about the flyash discharge through some independent agency;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any protest against the proposed power project from the farmers of Karnataka;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) As per the information furnished by the project proponents, about 1450 tonnes/day of ash will be generated, keeping in view the coal of specified quality to be consumed in the project. Ministry of Environment and Forests have accordingly stipulated necessary conditions for use of the specified quality of coal, management and disposal of ash.

(d) to (f) Representations were received from the local people raising concern about environmental issues such as rehabilitation of project effected persons, pollution of sea water and its impact on fish culture, flora, fauna as well as destruction of vast area of prime agricultural land. These issues were examined by the Expert Committee for Thermal Power Projects and necessary mitigative measures have been stipulated to be implemented by the project authorities.

[Translation]

Poultry Eggs

5093. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great demand of poultry eggs in the country;

(b) whether the current production of eggs is insufficient to fulfill the requirement of the consumers;

(c) if so, the total requirement and the present availability of eggs in country, State-wise;

(d) the schemes taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the demand of the consumers; and

(e) the targeted production for 1996-97, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The demand of poultry eggs depends upon the price and purchasing capacity of consumers. There are no separate norms of requirement of eggs. State-wise figures for production of eggs in the year 1995-96 are given in the statement enclosed

(d) Animal Husbandry is a State subject. The Government of India assists the States in strengthening of infrastructure for the development of Animal Husbandry and Dairying sector. It has established four large-scale Central Poultry Breeding Farms located at Bangalore, Bombay, Bhubaneswar and Chandigarh besides, a Central Duck Breeding Farm at Bangalore. These farms produce egg and broiler type breeding stock. Besides, the State Governments and private sector are playing significant role in production of eggs to meet the demand of consumers.

(e) The State-wise targets of eggs production for the year 1996-97 are also given in the statement.